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SUMMARY. JAL AND CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS REACHED INTERIM COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT ON OCT 11 TO RESTORE LEVEL OF SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN TO 39 WEEKLY FREQUENCIES FOR EACH CARRIER. ARRANGEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM NOV 1974 THROUGH MAR 1975. EXCEPT FOR FEW JAL FLIGHTS, ARRANGEMENT WILL RESTORE AIR SERVICES TO LEVEL EXISTING ON SEPT 30 WHEN PREVIOUS COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT EXPIRED. END SUMMARY.

1. PRIOR TO END OF SEPT JAL OPERATED 42 WEEKLY FLIGHTS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAPAN, OF WHICH 18 INCLUDED STOPS AT OSAKA; CATHAY PACIFIC OPERATED 39 FREQUENCIES INCLUDING 14 STOPS AT OSAKA. (NOTE. THIS CORRECTS INFO REPORTED IN PARENTHETICAL COMMENT AT END PARA 2 REFTTEL.) THESE SERVICES WERE OPERATED UNDER TERMS OF 1972 UK-JAPAN AVIATION AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES BASE LEVEL OF 25 WEEKLY FRE-

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QUENCIES PER CARRIER AND UNDER COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN

CARRIERS COVERING FREQUENCIES ABOVE BASE LEVEL. WHEN COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT EXPIRED ON SEPT 30, CARRIERS' RIGHTS REVERTED TO BASE LEVEL OF 1972 BILATERAL AGREEMENT. AT SAME TIME UK AND JAPANESE AVIATION AUTHORITIES REACHED QTE INFORMAL UNQTE AGREEMENT THAT BOTH CARRIERS WOULD LIMIT STOPS AT OSAKA TO 14 PER WEEK. THUS, ON OCT 1, JAL LOST RIGHTS TO 17 WEEKLY FREQUENCIES, INCLUDING 4 AT OSAKA. CATHAY PACIFIC'S HONG KONG-JAPAN RIGHTS DROPPED BY 14 WEEKLY FLIGHTS, ALTHOUGH IT COULD (AND DID)-- WITHIN REMAINING 25 FREQUENCIES -- CONTINUE TO OPERATE 14 FLIGHTS THROUGH OSAKA.

2. ON OCT 11, JAL AND CATHAY PACIFIC REACHED AN INTERIM COMMERCIAL ACCORD RESTORING THE LEVEL OF WEEKLY HONG KONG-JAPAN SERVICES TO 39 PER CARRIER FOR PERIOD NOV 1974 THROUGH MAR 1975. INFORMAL LIMITATION ON STOPS AT OSAKA, HOWEVER, WAS NOT ALTERED. AS RESULT OF NEW COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT, THEREFORE, CATHAY PACIFIC RIGHTS WILL BE RESTORED TO PRE-OCT LEVEL. JAL WILL REGAIN RIGHTS TO 14 (OF 17) JAPAN-HONG KONG FLIGHTS LOST IN OCT, ALTHOUGH STOPS AT OSAKA OF COURSE WILL REMAIN AT 14, OR 4 LESS THAN PRE-OCTOBER LEVEL.

3. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, UK AND JAPAN WILL RESUME DISCUSSIONS IN NOV AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG-JAPAN AIR SERVICES AFTER END OF MAR 1975.  
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